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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated December 22, 2004 in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due to be paid on March 22, 2005.

Applicants have not received an initialed PTO-1449 form indicating that the Information

Disclosure Statement filed on December 14, 2004, has been considered by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return to Applicants an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form, indicating the Examiner's consideration of all of the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 14, 2004.

For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form filed on December 14, 2004, together with a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt evidencing the filing.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Atty. Docket 03510. 002561 Application No. 09/537,877 Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying: Response to Official Action. ☐ Check for \$_ ☐ Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and Check for \$ ☐ Notice of Appeal and Check for \$ _ ☐ Claim for priority and certified copies of _ ☐ Issue fee transmittal and Check for \$ _ ☐ Other (specify) by placing your receiving date stamp hereon and returning to deliverer. Due Date 10 / Day Yr.



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, together with the English Abstracts.

The cited documents may be deemed relevant because they were cited during prosecution of a counterpart Japanese application. Applicant believes the English Abstracts adequately summarize the disclosed subject matter.



It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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	10-294726	11/04/1998	Japan			Abstract
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